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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EIND, SF

SUBJ: MOTION PICTURES - SOUTH AFRICAN REQUIREMENT

TO PROVE U.S. NATIONALITY AND COPYRIGHT

REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT OWNERS

REF: PRETORIA 4531

1. SINCE REFTTEL SENT, SEGAL'S PARTNER, PARTICK, WHO IS USC,
HAS INFORMED US SOURCING HIS U.S. PRINCIPAL MCA THAT:

A) FBI HAD CARRIED OUT "LAST WEEK" MASSIVE SWEEP IN U.S. OF
FILM REPRODUCTION LABS, ETC., WHICH RUN OFF PIRATED PRINTS FOR
EXPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA, MAKING NUMEROUS ARRESTS AND CONFISCATIONS
OF UNAUTHORIZED PRINTS;

B) AMENDMENT TO U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW HAS NOW BEEN PASSED WHICH
MAKES IT NOW A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AS WELL TO VIOLATE COPYRIGHT
WITH PENALTIES OF UP TO 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND \$50,000 FINE.

2. PATRICK WAS PLEASED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD SHUT
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OFF FLOW OF NEW PRINTS, BUT HE REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT PIRATED

PRINTS ALREADY IN SOUTH AFRICA (ESTIMATED AT 50,000). HE HOPES
SAG WOULD ALSO MAKE POSSESSION OF PIRATED FILMS A CRIMINAL
OFFENSE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE APPRECIATED ON DEVELOPMENTS
REPORTED PARA ONE ABOVE;

B) INSTRUCTIONS IN POSITION TO TAKE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SA
COPYRIGHT OFFICE IN LIGHT REFTEL AND THESE NEW U.S. DEVELOPMENTS.
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